

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on January 28, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kendra Balian, Committee Secretary
Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 280, 1/22/2015; HB 275, 1/22/2015; HB 295, 1/23/2015; HB 307, 1/23/2015

00:00:00 Chair Lavin

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 241

00:01:19 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 241 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:01:30 Chair Lavin

00:02:01 Rep. MacDonald arrived.

00:02:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Randall voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 202

00:02:41 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 202 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:03:07 Rep. Cook

[**EXHIBIT\(trh19a01\)**](#)

00:03:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 202 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Randall voted by proxy.

00:04:31 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 202 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:04:38 Rep. Garner

00:05:15 Rep. Curdy

00:05:40 Rep. Miller

00:06:20 Rep. Clark

00:06:23 Rep. MacDonald

00:07:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Clark, Rep. Fiscus, Rep. Miller and Rep. Randall voting no. Rep. Randall voted by proxy.

00:08:52 Chair Lavin

HEARING ON HB 280

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:46 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 280, Generally revise laws on bicycles.

[**EXHIBIT\(trh19a02\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:03 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana

00:17:25 Linda Gryczan, self

00:20:09 Larry Epstein, self

00:21:44 Dave Depew, self

00:22:39 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
00:23:28 William L. Cochran, Bozeman Area Bicycle Advisory Board
00:25:08 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Park Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:26 Todd Mowbray, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:58 Rep. Garner
00:31:16 Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:02 Rep. Essmann

HEARING ON HB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:51 Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 295, Revise law for signage warning drivers of a school bus stop ahead.

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(trh19a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:36 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:37:47 Dwane Kailey, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:06 Rep. Miller
00:38:35 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
00:39:27 Rep. Garner
00:40:09 Dwane Kailey, DOT
00:40:25 Rep. Garner
00:40:54 Chair Lavin
00:40:58 Rep. Miller
00:41:16 Dwane Kailey, DOT
00:41:21 Chair Lavin
00:41:23 Rep. Fiscus
00:42:20 Kirk Miller, SAM
00:43:27 Rep. Fiscus
00:44:03 Kirk Miller, SAM
00:44:23 Rep. Fiscus
00:44:45 Kirk Miller, SAM
00:45:28 Rep. Kipp
00:45:56 Dwane Kailey, DOT

00:46:05 Rep. Kipp
00:46:30 Dwane Kailey, DOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:01 Rep. Pease-Lopez

HEARING ON HB 307

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:48 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 307, Revise special fees for certain trucks transporting timber owned by truck owner.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:02 Enos Miller, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:57:58 Barry "Spook" Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Informational Testimony:

01:00:53 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:34 Rep. MacDonald
01:02:14 Duane Williams, DOT
01:02:28 Rep. Miller
01:02:55 Rep. Cuffe
01:03:53 Rep. Miller
01:04:08 Rep. Cuffe
01:04:30 Rep. McKamey
01:04:57 Enos Miller, self

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:32 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 275

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:21 Rep. Nancy Wilson (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 275, Revise fuel tax revenue to fund maintenance and public transportation.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:04 Shyla Patera, National Council for Independent Living (NCIL)
01:20:57 George Northcut, self
01:21:57 Michael Woods, National Council for Independent Living (NCIL)
01:23:15 Mark Sanders, self
01:23:52 Martin Blair, Missoula Urban Transportation District
01:26:15 David Kack, Streamline Transit System and Skyline Transit System

01:28:13 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

01:29:15 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

EXHIBIT(trh19a04)

01:29:49 Derek Goldman, Friends of Mountain Line

01:30:42 Elizabeth Andrews, Helena Transportation Advisory Council

01:33:43 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

EXHIBIT(trh19a05)

01:34:01 Harold Blattie, Montana League of Cities and Towns

01:34:35 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Advisory Association?

01:35:01 Dave Schultz, Madison County Commissioner

01:35:47 Todd Mowbray, self

01:36:12 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

EXHIBIT(trh19a06)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:13 Barry "Spook" Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

01:42:46 John Quandt, Americans for Prosperity

01:45:34 Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party

01:47:36 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineering Companies of Montana

Informational Testimony:

01:49:04 Mike Tooley, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:02 Rep. Garner

01:52:57 Rep. Wilson

01:53:00 Rep. Garner

01:53:16 Rep. Wilson

01:53:18 Rep. Garner

01:53:51 Rep. Wilson

01:54:55 Rep. Garner

01:55:08 Rep. Wilson

01:55:12 Rep. MacDonald

01:55:53 Rep. Wilson

01:56:18 Rep. MacDonald

01:56:29 Rep. Wilson

01:57:47 Rep. Curdy

01:58:00 Mike Tooley, DOT

01:58:36 Rep. Clark

01:59:02 Mike Tooley, DOT

02:00:05 Rep. Curdy

02:01:17 Mike Tooley, DOT

02:02:27 Rep. Kipp

02:02:52 Mike Tooley, DOT

02:03:29 Rep. Kipp

02:04:16 Mike Tooley, DOT

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:54 Rep. Wilson

02:05:41 Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:06:06

Kendra Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh19aad.pdf](#))